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(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

- 25X1 1. A new city plan for Gabrovo (N 42-52, E 25-19) was drawn up in 1952 and is to be implemented in 1955. The only provisions of the new plan known to informant are the intended relocations of the various tanneries to an area north of the city proper. This new industrial area is to be connected with the existing Gabrovo-Tsareva Luvada (now Vurbanovo) railroad line by a spur line which will cross the Yantra River over a newly constructed bridge less than one meter from the old rail and highway bridge. The new plan also provides for two groups of apartment houses for workers to be constructed at the foot of "Baydar" hill and the edge of "Petkova Niva" forest.

Textile Mills

2. Informant identified the following textile mills in Gabrovo:
- "Vulko Chervenkov" mill, a 3-story stone building about 30 by 70 meters in size, located on Nikola Dimitrov Voynovski (formerly Borovo) Street on the edge of Sinkevitsa Stream;
 - "Georgi Genev" mill, a 3-story stone building about 30 by 70 meters in size, located on Nikolaevska Street on the east bank of the Yantra River;
 - "Gabrovo" mill, a 2-story stone building about 20 by 40 meters in size, located on the west bank of the Yantra River opposite the Georgi Genev Factory;

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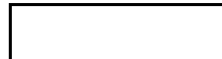
- d. "Uspekhi" mills, has two branches, one in a 3-story stone building 30 by 70 meters in size located across from and 50 meters distant from the Gabrovo Okoliya Court building, and the other (formerly called "Troitsa") in a 3-story building about 25 by 40 meters in size located on Nikola Dimitrov Voynovski Street; the former "Troitsa" branch has machines for carding wool;
 - e. "Narodna Republika" mill, a 3-story stone building approximately 40 by 70 meters in size, located next to the Gorno Krayskiya bridge on the edge of the Yantra River; this factory manufactures only cotton cloth;¹
 - f. "Baba Zara" mill, a 3-story building about 20 by 50 meters in size on the bank of the Yantra River in the southern part of Gabrovo; this mill produces woolen material;
 - g. "Sinkevitsa" mill, a 2-story building approximately 20 by 50 meters in size surrounded by woods and close to no other buildings, located in the western part of Gabrovo on the east bank of the Sinkevitsa Stream;
 - h. "Balkan" mill, a 3-story building about 30 by 80 meters in size (enlarged in 1952), located about 200 meters east of the Yantra River between the "Baba Zara" mill and the Bichkinya River; this is a spinning mill only;
 - i. "Zoya" mill, a 3-story building approximately 20 by 50 meters in size, located about 400 meters north of the "Balkan" factory; produces cotton yarn;
 - j. "Eftim Apostolov" mill, a 3-story building approximately 20 by 50 meters in size, located across the Yantra River from the Gabrovo municipal theater;²
 - k. "Dobri Kartalov" mill, a 3-story building about 20 by 40 meters in size located between the "Vulko Chervenkov" factory and the "Troitsa" branch of the "Uspekhi" mill;
 - l. "Ivan Nedkov" mill, a 2-story building approximately 15 by 30 meters in size, located 150 to 180 meters west of the municipal theater at the point where the Sinkevitsa Stream flows into the Yantra River; the warehouse of the Gabrovo municipal clothing store is located in the factory area; and
 - m. "Trikop" knitting cooperative, a 3-story building approximately 10 by 30 meters in size across the Yantra River from the PTT (Post, Telephone, and Telegraph) building; this is a group of small knitting factories which have been combined.
3. Other factories and installations in Gabrovo are as follows:
- a. "Khristo Botev" tannery, a 3-story building approximately 30 by 70 meters in size, located in Padalo Quarter in the northern part of Gabrovo on the west bank of the Yantra River;
 - b. "Vasil Levski" tannery, a 3-story building approximately 20 by 50 meters in size, located 100 meters north of the "Khristo Botev" tannery;
 - c. "Orel" button factory, a 2-story building approximately 15 by 30 meters in size, located near the Khadzhi Tsonev bridge in the southern outskirts of Gabrovo; and

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d. "Vasil Levski" machinery and machinery parts factory, two 2-story buildings approximately 30 by 60 meters in size located on either side of the Yantra River in the center of Gabrovo and connected by a special iron bridge;³

4. There is no electric power plant in Gabrovo, but there is a large transformer station near the "Konashki" bridge for distributing power to the city.⁴ The locations of the generating plants providing this power are not known. There is a chronic shortage of power, and there is no power at all on Wednesday and Thursday or Thursday and Friday of every week. Consequently, all industries work on Sunday and close on the days when there is no power.

5. A sketch of the town of Gabrovo is enclosed herewith as an Appendix, pages 4, 5, 6, and 7.

1. [] Comment: [] the "Narodna Republika" factory produces yarn and thread for kamgarcloth.

2. [] Comment: [] the "Eftim Apostolov" factory is located near Smirnenki village.

3. [] Comment: The "Vasil Levski" machinery factory may be the "Dürzhaven Mashinen Zavod" []

4. [] Comment: [] a power plant is located on the east bank of the Yantra River north of the Igoto bridge in Gabrovo. This plant was said to provide part of the power for the city, the rest being furnished by power plants in other cities through a transformer station located near the railroad bridge.

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- A. Railroad line Gabrovo-Tsareva Livada (now Vŭrbanovo).
 - B. Yantra River.
 - C. Sinkevitsa Stream.
 - D. Combination rail and highway bridge.
 - E. Unnamed highway bridge.
 - F. "Konashki" bridge.
 - G. "Aprilovski" bridge.
 - H. "Radalski" bridge.
 - I. "Khadzhi Tsonev" bridge.
 - J. Nikolaevska Avenue.
 - K. Orlovska Avenue.
 - L. Highway to Sevlievo.
 - M. Nikola Dimitrov Voynovski (formerly Borovo) Street.
 - N. Highway to Smirnenski village.
 - O. Highway to Bichkinya village.
 - P. Highway to Tŭrnovo.
 - Q. "Petkova Niva" forest.
 - R. "Baydar" hill.
 - S. "Bakoyski" hill.
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- 1. The former "Berov" textile mill (present name not known to informant).
 - 2. "Sŭrp i Chuk" military uniform factory.
 - 3. "Georgi Kirkov" leather factory.
 - 4. "Byalkata" brick factory.
 - 5. "Dimitŭr Blagoev" tannery.
 - 6. Meat combine.
 - 7. Leather and hide manufacturing cooperative.
 - 8. Flour mill.
 - 9. Stadium.
 - 10. Gabrovo railroad station.
 - 11. Artisan school.
 - 12. "Vasil Levski" tannery (described in paragraph 3b above).
 - 13. "Khristo Botev" tannery (described in paragraph 3a above).
 - 14. "Lŭv" textile mill.
 - 15. Workers' hospital.
 - 16. Monument.
 - 17. Hospital.

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18. Fire station.
19. Economic Militia headquarters.
20. Electric power transformer station (described in paragraph 4 above).
21. "Dipchikov" cinema.
22. Gabrovo Okoliya People's Council building.
23. "Eftim Apostolov" yarn spinning mill (described in paragraph 2j above).
24. Theater.
25. Gabrovo City People's Council building.
26. Post office.
27. Gabrovo Okoliya Communist Party Committee headquarters.
28. Clock tower.
29. Church.
30. "Sveti Dimitriy" church.
31. DS (Dŭrzhavna Sigurnost; State Security) headquarters.
32. "Khimiya i Industriya" aniline dye factory.
33. "Sinkevitsa" textile and dye mill (described in paragraph 2g above).
34. "Vŭlko Chervenkov" textile mill (described in paragraph 2a above).
35. and 45. "Uspekh" textile mill (described in paragraph 2d above).
36. and 37. "Dobri Kartalov" knitting mill.
38. Militia station.
39. "Aprilov" monument.
40. People's Bank.
41. Infirmary.
42. "Burya" textile mill.
43. Park.
44. Gabrovo Okoliya Court.
45. and 35. "Uspekh" textile mill (described in paragraph 2d above).

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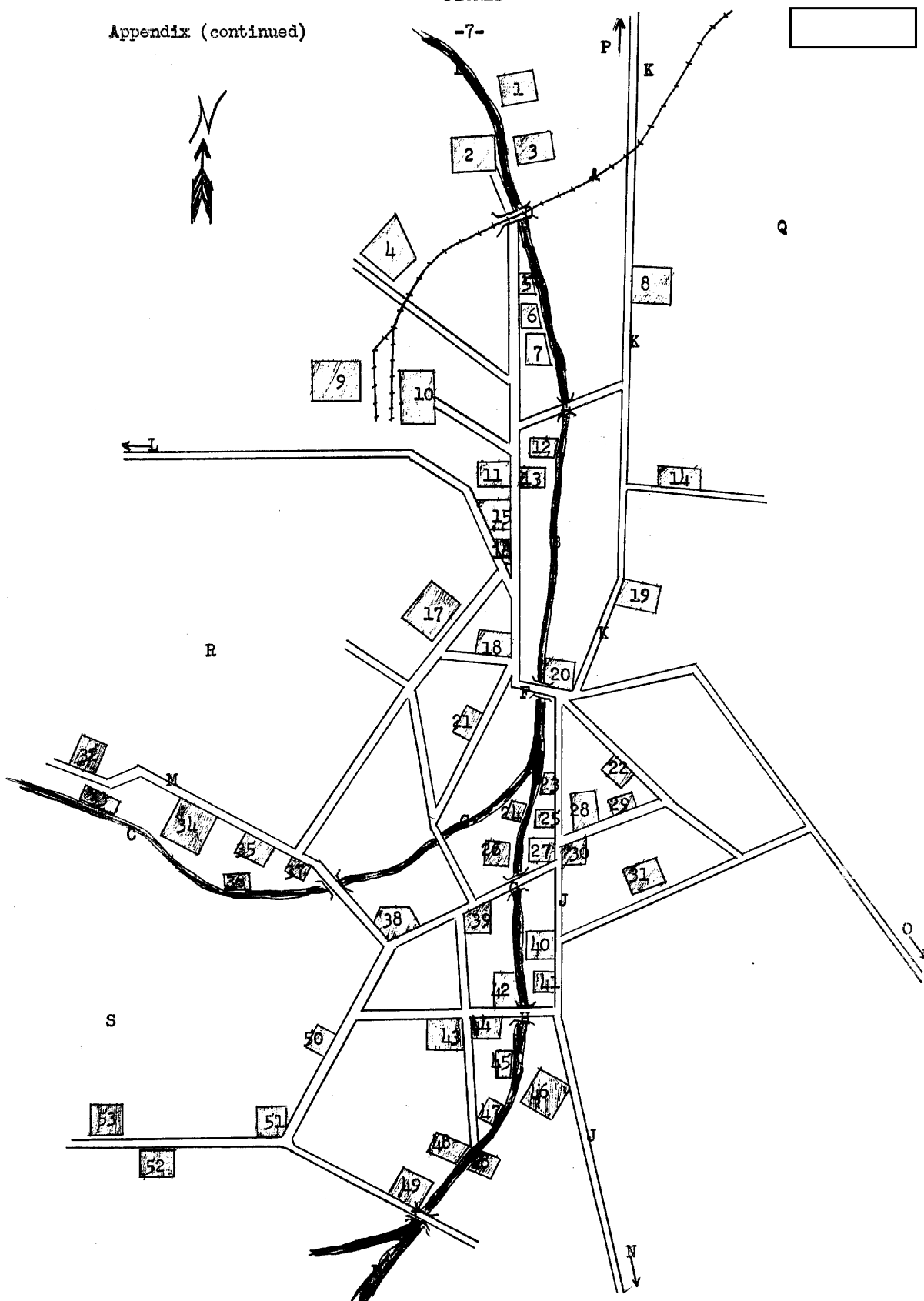
46. "Georgi Genev" textile mill (described in paragraph 2b above).
47. "Gabrovo" textile mill (described in paragraph 2c above).
48. "Vasil Levski" machine factory (described in paragraph 3d above).
49. "Baba Zara" textile mill (described in paragraph 2f above).
50. "Maychina Grizha" cinema.
51. Velodrome.
52. "Orel" button factory (described in paragraph 3c above).
53. Tuberculosis sanatorium.

NOTE: The sketch is not drawn to scale.

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